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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 16th, 11 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. H. Oaks.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills, from Nehemiah 2nd chapter, 9th verse.

After an intermission of one hour for lunch, the Association assembled in the house, and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson, of Martinsville, Va., the church messengers and invited visiting brethren proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, Moderator for Liberty Hill Church, acted as Moderator for the Association and Brother T. L. Medlin acted as Clerk, and by request of Liberty Hill Church Brother Preston Helms assisted the Church Clerk and Brother Robert Horne acted as Reading Clerk.

1st. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2nd. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Liberty Hill: Whole church.

From Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

From Lawyers Springs: Brethren J. R. Horne, P. A. Griffin, Cletus Marsh, Thanny Helms and others.

From High Hill: Brethren S. D. Outen, S. H. Edwards, A. Z. Mills, N. W. Williams and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, W. H. Hatley, D. M. Hathcock and others.

From. Mt. Creek: Bhethren J. E. Russell, C. W. Smith, Clyde Medlin, Willie Solomon and others.

From Pleasant Grove: Brethren T. F. Mills, A. E. Broom, Brady Mills, J. C. Mills and others.

From Union Grove: Brethren Oscar Wooten, Jeff Taylor, Sanford Medlin, Alonzo Griffin and others.

From Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, E. V. Baucom, J. Troy Simpson, David Helms and others.

From Union: Brethren Brady Polk, F. M. Moore, Ruben Willims, John Ballard, W. R. Coley and Elder S. F. Heath.

3rd. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4th. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethen A. J. Deese, G. P. Burris, J. E. Russell, S. H. Edwards and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Jack Underwood, F. P. Deese, H. M. Baucom, A. E. Broome and J. T. Simpson.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee and others.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, S. J. B. Dallas, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins, Brother W. H. Lewis and other Brethren and Sisters.

From Little River: Elders J. S. Stephenson, J. T. Lewis and Brethren R. F. Smith, M. N. Todd, J. L. Johnson, James Durham, L. A. Stephenson and others.

From South Arkansas. File of Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley. File of Minutes.

From Mt. Zion. File of Minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky. File of Minutes.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elder C. M. Mills and Brother J. T. Simpson.

To Dan River: Elders C. M. Mills, O. C. Mills and Brother W. M. Green.

To Little River: Elder C. M. Mills; Brethren C. T. Mills, J. T. Simpson, A. E. Broome, T. L. Medlin, J. W. Harwood and Preston Helms.

To Sequachie Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Mt. Zion. Minutes.

To Tennessee—Nolachucky. Minutes.

To South Arkansas. Elder C. M. Mills.

7th. On motion, agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Elder C. M. Mills was appointed to write corresponding letter for this Minute.

9th. On motion adjourned to 9:30 Saturday morning with Elder J. D. Hopkins announcing the benediction.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m., and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Hopkins, of Schoolfield, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations, $174.15. On motion report received and Finance Committee discharged.

11th. On motion, it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion, it is agreed that we hold the next Session of this Association with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Union county, N. C., beginning on Friday and continuing through the 3rd Sunday in September, 1939, and that the pastor of Pleasant Grove church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. On motion, it is agreed that we have 800 copies of Minutes printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of same and that we allow him $35.00 for his services.

14th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for his mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15. By motion, we agreed that all funds above $35.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16th. On motion, adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. T. Lewis, of Angier, N. C.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator.
T. L. MEDLIN, Clerk.
PRESTON HELMS, Assistant Clerk.
ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, A. M., Elder C. M. Mills. Text, Nehemiah 2:9.
Friday, P. M., Brother W. H. Lewis. Text, St. John 14:1-3.
Friday, P. M., Elder J. D. Hopkins. Text, Genesis 9:13
Friday, P. M., Elder O. C. Mullis. Text, 2nd Cor. 19:10.
Saturday, A. M., Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text, Matthew 27:18-20.
Saturday, A. M., Elder S. J. B. Dallas. Text, Acts 9:1-7
Saturday, A. M., Elder W. H. Oaks. Text, Isaiah 32:1-2
Saturday, P. M., Elder R. A. May. Text, Luke 16:19-31.
Saturday, P. M., Elder T. L. Wilson. Text, Ephesians 2:10.
Saturday, P M., Elder J. T. Lewis. Did not get text.
Sunday, A. M., Elder W. H. Oaks. Text, Gal. 5:1.
Sunday, A. M., Elder J. T. Lewis. Text, Col. 3:1-4.
Sunday, A. M., Elder J. R. Wilson. Text, Gal. 2:20.
Sunday, P. M., Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text, Mark 1:1-3.
Sunday, P. M., Elder C. M. Mills. Text, Col. 2:9.

NOTE

Through and by the grace of God, our Saviour, this ends one of the greatest feasts to hold since we can remember, Quietness reigned over a very large congregation to hear the Gospel bells ringing from the pulpit, which were sounding clearly and highly, praising a God of all power. Each minister came in his way and manner, speaking words of comfort and edification to the dear little children of God which brought shouts of praise to His Holy name. It was as bread cast on the waters to be gathered up many days hence.

During the meeting eight of God's little Saints came marching into the church. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,

and they follow me. They are following by taking up their cross, coming home to the church and telling what great things the Lord hath done for them whereof they are made glad. Following in baptism, in obedience to the command of the Father. Following by doing the things that He has commanded us to do and leaving the things undone which He tells us not to do.

Farewell in the Lord.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches and congregations	$174.15
For clerk, printing and postage	$ 35.00
Distributed to ministers	$139.15

VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder J. R. Wilson, 22 Moss Street, Martinsville, Va.
Elder W. H. Oaks, Route 3, Dry Fork, Va.
Elder S. J. B. Dallas, 115 W. James Street, Danville, Va.
Elder T. L. Wilson, Route 1, Ridgeway, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Schoolfield, Va.
Brother W. H. Lewis, Sutherlin, Va.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Route 2, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Route 2, Angier, N. C.
Elder R. A. May, Route 3, Lenoir, N. C.
Brother Virgil Willard, High Point, N. C.

HOME MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder C. M. Mills, 614 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Elder W. E. Benton, Shallotte, S. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, to our Corresponding Associations and to all of like precious Faith.

Dear Brethren, Greetings:—

We, the Original Primitive Baptist Association, have met again in love and peace for which we thank God.

This Association in 1923 made this resolution: Resolved, that we, the ministers and messengers now present and composing this

session of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, recommend the resolution sent up to this session by several of our churches, stating they do not believe that God predestinated sin or the evil acts of men and devils, and we advise all of the churches of this Association to adopt such resolution and also that we advise our churches not to fellowship any man who advocates or preaches such false doctrine and that we keep such men out of our pulpits. The above was unanimously adopted and ordered published in minutes and was heartily endorsed by all the home and visiting ministers present, and this is our position in doctrine now.

We believe the sinner is passive before regeneration, not competent of acting. In regeneration the dead sinner is made alive in Christ and is not in the same shape and condition as before regeneration. They have ears and can hear the Gospel; eyes to see, and can see; a heart to understand, and can understand, and are not passive after regeneration.

To our correspondents, take this letter as to each and all and may our correspondence continue in fellowship and love. Come to visit us, and preach for us.

May God's richest blessings be on Zion and all of the churches everywhere. We hope all of the Baptist can agree on the fundamentals of truth and doctrine as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in love and hope,

C. M. MILLS.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ADDRESS OF CLERKS	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
High Hill.....	C. T. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	44	1	$25.75
Lawyer's Springs.	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	68	1	$32.70
Liberty Hill.....	T. L. Medlin, Rt. 4, Albemarle, N. C...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	22	1	3	2	1	0	0	37	1	$34.50
Meadow Creek...	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C.....	Elder O. C. Mullis, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C	8	0	0	1	0	1	1	33	1	$12.00
Mountain Creek.	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	23	3	$13.50
Pleasant Grove..	A. E. Broome, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C..	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	42	2	$13.55
Union Grove.....	F. L. Baucom, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	49	2	$22.15
Watson.....	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C. and A. L. Presnell, Rominger, N. C...	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	32	4	$12.50
Bethel.....	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Wampee, S. C.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	3	$ 2.50
Union.....	W. R. Coley, 105 N. First St., Belmont, N. C.....	Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	26	4	$ 5.00
			44	2	3	7	9	8	4	380		$174.15

The Association will meet with Pleasant Grove Church, Union County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in September, 1939.